

THE COING IMMIGRANTS.

The attention of Congress should be called anew to the necessity of promptly considering the immigration laws.

There are two pressing reasons for passing some measure of restriction. The approaching rigorous enforcement of the anti-Socialist measures in Germany and the condition of the labor market in our own country demands attention.

The Cologne Gazette, Bismark's semi-official organ, has called attention to the fact that neither fines nor terms of imprisonment seem to terrify the Socialists or to deter them from spreading their organization. It, therefore demands that a pitiless and indiscriminate exile should be tried.

If Bismark has determined on this course there is no doubt that it will be carried through. A large proportion of the exiles will take ship for America and reinforce the colony of this undesirable people in our chief cities. The United States has had an object lesson in the German Socialists Anarchist doctrines, and wants no more of them. Congress should keep out this class by requiring intending immigrants to bring certificates from the American Consul of their district, who should be required to investigate each case and certify to each immigrant's pursuits and reputation in his home.

In regard to the proposition of restricting the incoming of certain classes of labor, the workingman himself must be the best judge. It would seem from the number of men in the country who are out of employment that no further competition from the cheap labor of Europe is wanted. The riotous Poles, Hungarians and Italians have driven American workingmen out of various lines of employment by cutting down wages and by force of arms. The employers encourage their coming, for they keep down the price of labor. It would seem that the interest of the workingmen lies in keeping the cheaper forms of labor out of the country. But the decision of the point must rest with workmen of America themselves. If they want a measure of this kind they must ask for it.—S. F. Post.

THE DEATH OF NASBY.

The death of Petroleum V. Nasby, of the Toledo Blade, removes from the list of humorous writers of the country, one of the most peculiar and original of them all. He became famous during the war by the publication of letters purporting to be written at the "ex-Confederate cross roads, Kentucky." He originated a number of odd characters, and never went out of the beaten track of peculiar spelling and quaint dialect.

No other writer ever dared encroach on his grounds, and his letters soon became a broad factor in the discussion of national politics. While the astute statesmen of the country bewildered the public by their discourses of serious public questions, Nasby took hold of the same questions and illustrated them in his quaint way, so that the argument was forcibly presented to everybody who could read, and fastened on the mind by ludicrous comparisons and anecdote.

Sherman, or Butler, or Blaine, in discussing the tariff question at length, did not convey so clear an illustration to the uneducated masses as the picture presented by Nasby, of Bascom purchasing a pair of all-wool trousers at the ex-Confederate cross roads store.

His fun was something beyond a mere effort to make people laugh, for it illustrated a good argument, and made them think.

He always wielded his pen for the Republican party, and his work was of immense advantage to it. It is not likely that any other writer can fill his place in the peculiar field of literature in which he was the sole laborer.

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